

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## KOMAL PANJWANI EARNS GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

### HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 28, 2018*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Stephen F. Austin High School student, Komal Panjwani of Sugar Land, TX for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award.

The Gold Award is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn. To earn this distinguished award, Komal had to spend at least 80 hours developing and executing a project that would benefit the community, as well as have a long-term impact on girls. For her Gold award project, she organized two workshop events to educate parents and students about the importance of career diversity. She also created a blog and a Facebook page to encourage students to choose careers that they are passionate about.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Komal Panjwani for earning her Girl Scout Gold Award. We are confident she will have continued success in her future endeavors. We are very proud.

## THANKING RANDY STOCK FOR HIS 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

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Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Randy Stock for his 40 years of service to the city of Sugar Land, TX.

Randy, a Public Utilities Operator, was born and raised in Sugar Land and began working for the town's water division when he was 17 years old. When he started, there was one water plant for the whole city—the city now operates 12 groundwater plants and five elevated tanks. Over the years, he has played a role in ensuring Sugar Land has safe water and helped during the numerous annexations that occurred during his tenure. Randy was also on the front lines during Hurricane Harvey and previous hurricanes, making sure that our water supply remained safe. Each and every day he goes above and beyond to serve our community.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Randy Stock on his completion of 40 years of service to the city of Sugar Land, TX. I thank him for his work to ensure Sugar Land has safe, quality water. His efforts help make Sugar Land a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

## REESE VANNERSON WINS 3 MEDALS AT THE 2018 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPICS

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Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reese Vannerson from Sugar Land, TX for winning three medals at the 2018 Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympics.

Vannerson is an 8th grade student at Laurence Catholic School. After qualifying for numerous events, Reese went on to win a gold medal in the 1500-meter race, setting a new personal record of 4:18.71. He continued his success by winning bronze in the 800-meter and finally earned a silver medal for his performance in the 3000-meter. One day later, he was the overall winner for the 13- to 15-year-old boys at the 2018 Triathlon Nationals in W. Chester, Ohio, running the fastest split for the race and placing first among 13 year old boys. His hard work has brought great pride to our Sugar Land community and will be remembered by his community and parents, Lisa & Rodner, for many years to come.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Reese Vannerson for winning three medals at the 2018 AAU Olympics in Iowa. We look forward to seeing what he will accomplish in the future on and off the track.

## TRIBUTE TO JOHN SIDNEY MCCAIN III: AMERICAN HERO, LION OF THE SENATE, NAVAL AVIATOR, AND PATRIOT WHO ALWAYS PUT COUNTRY FIRST

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 28, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise not to mourn the death but to celebrate the remarkable life of John Sidney McCain III, the lion of the Senate, a valiant naval aviator, and an 'American Pericles' who always put country first.

In degree and kind, it will be a long time before our nation again sees the likes of John McCain, whom we lost at the age of 81.

The son and grandson of Navy admirals, Senator McCain chose to give back to this country through service, as has been the calling of his family since the early years of the last century.

Senator McCain's love of country was manifested not merely through words; he showed his fidelity to this nation through his deeds.

During his six years as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War, Senator McCain endured the torture and indignities of the infamous Hanoi Hilton.

When his imprisoners realized he was of official stock, they offered him early release.

Then-naval aviator McCain refused, and showed the valor and courage for which he would soon become known.

After his time as a POW, he was elected in 1982 to the U.S. House of Representatives and served for two terms prior to his election to the United States Senate in 1986, a position he held until his death.

Through his six terms in the U.S. Senate, Senator McCain developed a well-deserved reputation as a statesman—a legislator who did not conform to partisan entrenchment and worked to formulate innovative solutions with members across the aisle.

John McCain's first duty always was to country.

When President Bill Clinton called for the nation to bind the wounds of the Vietnam War, President Clinton sent Senator John McCain.

When the pervasive, and at times corrosive, effect of money in politics reached critical mass, Senator John McCain reached across the aisle and championed landmark legislation to curb the excesses of our system of campaign finance.

And, when the Trump Republicans' threat to the landmark Affordable Care Act came within striking distance of reality, Senator John McCain—by then diagnosed with terminal brain cancer—appeared on the floor of the institution he loved so much, and saved the law championed by his former political rival, President Barack Obama.

Through it all, Senator John McCain exhibited grace, class, and sacrifice; he was the very embodiment of the civic virtue this country needs and requires of its public servants.

Senator John McCain's record of service has both earned the respect of his colleagues throughout the years and has been a source of inspiration to millions of young people across the nation and around the world.

Senator John McCain's dedication to country over party, to his fellow countrymen over self, and to the greater good over personal gain, is a model of conduct for those who seek to lead this nation.

I send my sincerest thoughts and prayers to his family in this most difficult time, and urge all Americans, in celebration of this extraordinary statesman, to work to recover our sense of civility and to find the common ground needed to advance the common good.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of an American hero, John Sidney McCain III.

## MEEHA AMIRTHALINGAM NAMED FINALIST IN DISCOVERY EDUCATION 3M YOUNG SCIENTIST CHALLENGE

### HON. PETE OLSON

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*Tuesday, August 28, 2018*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Meeha Amirthalingam from Sugar

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